

SENATE RESOLUTION 219

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Stephanie Burnette,
2010 Valedictorian of Heritage Christian
Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie Burnette is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2010 graduating class at Heritage Christian Academy (HCA); and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, she has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Stephanie has earned an exemplary grade point average while participating in a number of scholastic and civic organizations, including the Honor Society, Honors Club, Bowling League, Concordia Language Villages Summer Camps, Tennessee Foreign Language Institute, HCA Show Choir, HCA Ocoee White Water Rafting, the HCA Talent Show, and People to People Student Ambassador Ambassadorial Studies and Service Learning; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burnette has accumulated many hours of service to her community through her participation in projects such as the Nashville Shakespeare Festival, the Fannie Battle Day Home, Alive Hospice, Nashville Cares—Hands on Nashville, and Green Hills Health and Rehabilitation Center; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie has also dedicated her time and energies in volunteer activities such as reading to preschoolers, making balloon animals for annual family picnics, conducting Halloween parties for eighty-eight preschoolers, providing Easter Egg hunts for preschoolers, helping to grill and serve hamburgers and hot dogs for an end-of-school picnic, making prop

boxes for preschooler educational topics, and coordinating items for celebrity Ebay auction fundraisers; and

WHEREAS, she has distinguished herself in many areas, including her completion of reading thirty of Shakespeare's thirty-eight plays; participation in four Duke Talent Identification Program e-studies classes, as well as the Duke Talent Identification 2009 Summer Program and the Duke TIP Scholar Weekend; nomination for 2008 National Student Ambassador of the Year Award; participation in National Student Leadership Conference, Congressional Youth Leadership Conference; and designation as Honorary Page of the Tennessee House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success in attending Belmont University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Burnette's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Anita Reed and Steve Burnette, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Stephanie's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby commend and honor the 2010 Heritage Christian Academy Valedictorian, Stephanie Burnette, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.